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1 [redacted] U.S. has discussed Libyan security with Royal government over past years. Discussions along similar lines our conversations with GOT and related only to question of external aggression. While we have never entered into specific security agreement with Libyan Government, we have made quite clear external threat Libyan security would be regarded with deepest concern by USG. Our military assistance to Libya premised on improving Libya's ability to cope with outside attack. Internal security is of course quite another matter and must obviously remain essential responsibility of government of state concerned. Question of our assuming responsibility for defense against domestic enemies therefore did not arise in any conversations with King.

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2. We continue follow events in Libya with greatest interest but

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to date have no indication coup benefitted from external intervention and it seems to have been engineered entirely from within Libya.

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